CHIEF SECRETARIAT

No. 141, *dated 9th July* 1940.

The following Press Note issued by the Government of India, Home Department, on the 1st June 1940, is re published for general information.

By Order,
B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

PRESS NOTE.

Since the beginning of the war it has been the policy of the Government of India not to interfere with broadcasts from Germany directed to India, but to allow this propaganda to defeat itself by its obvious exaggeration and mendacity. This policy has justified itself by results; nowhere in India is there anything except distrust and loathing of what Nazi Germany stands for. German propaganda has been discredited not only by its own obvious demerits but also because the people of India have been able to obtain from All-India Radio and from the Press correct news and background to the news, and the Government of India take this opportunity to acknowledge the fullness and fairness with which the Press of India has reported and commented on the war. Lately, however, the reports which the Government of India have received from many different parts of India and from many different classes of persons indicate that in the present critical times it is desirable to protect the public from the exploitation of their natural fears. A crop of rumours has been generated, in many cases directly traceable to enemy broadcasts, which in some parts of the country have disturbed the confidence of the people and led to such signs of nervousness as the hoarding of stocks, the withdrawal of money from Savings Banks, hesitancy to cash Currency Notes and the like. While the Government of India desire to make it clear that this nervousness is unjustified, they at the same time deem it their duty to take steps to protect the ordinary citizen from further attacks upon his confidence.

The types of wireless receiving licence which fall within the scope of this note are three—

(1) Ordinary—which entitle the holder to use a receiving set for private and domestic purposes only.

(2) Community—which are issued to Municipalities and other public bodies and permit them to broadcast for the benefit of the public certain wireless programmes, among which programmes from enemy countries are *not* included.

(3) Commercial—which entitle a holder to reproduce any broadcast programme in the public rooms of hotels, shops, etc., subject to copyright restrictions.

Publicity to programmes broadcast from any country is given either by holders of private licences or by holders of commercial broadcast licences. Private licensees hold their licences on condition that the set will be used only for private and domestic purposes, and they are committing an offence if they give publicity to messages received from any source. This offence renders them liable both to cancellation of the licences and to prosecution.

Holders of commercial broadcast licences are not precluded from disseminating broadcast messages within their premises, but in view of the considerations already mentioned, Government have decided to direct the cancellation of any such licences where, after the warning, the licensee is using his set for the purpose of disseminating German programmes or programmes emanating from territories recently occupied by Germany or from countries in alliance with Germany. Licences so cancelled will not be renewed.

The Government of India earnestly appeal not only to holders of commercial licences but to all other licence holders to abstain from furthering the ends of the enemies of this country by providing public broadcasts of German programmes or programmes emanating from the countries or territories indicated above. They are confident that in making this appeal they are acting not only in the best interests of the people as a whole but also in accordance with what all well-disposed persons would wish. They have no wish or intention to interfere with the liberty at present enjoyed by holders of private licences to listen to any programmes they may wish to hear from whatever source, nor do they regard it as an infringement of the spirit of a private licence for the members or guests of the family to meet together to listen in. They take this opportunity of contradicting rumours which are circulating to the effect that the confiscation of receiving sets or the imposition of restrictions on the possession or sale of sets is contemplated. This is entirely without foundation.

The Government of India believe that once having pointed out the dangers of the dissemination of news which is intended by its authors to destroy public confidence, and made an appeal for the co-operation of the public, it will be unnecessary for them to take further steps. At the same time, the Defence of India Rules provide ample powers to deal with the spreading of prejudicial reports whether through the wireless, through the Press or by word of mouth. Rule 16 enables Government to revoke any licence for a receiving set issued under the Indian Wireles Telegraphy Act, 1933, while Rule 31. (1) (*o*) lays down that

"no person shall, without lawful authority or excuse.....make, print, publish or distribute any document containing, or spread by any other means whatsoever, any prejudicial reports." A "prejudicial report" is defined in Rule 34 (7) which should be read with Rule 34 (6), and more particularly sub-clause (*g*) thereof.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
Simla, 1st June 1940.

No. 154, *dated* 10*th July* 1940.

The following notification of the Government of India, Defence Co-ordination Department, is republished for general information.

By Order,
B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEFENCE CO-ORDINATON DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

Simla, the 28*th June* 1940.

No. 54-OR/12/39.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of rule 97 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government is pleased to direct that the schedule annexed to its notification in the Defence Co-ordination Department No. 54-OR/9/39, dated the 9th May 1940, shall be further varied by inserting the names and addresses specified in the schedule hereto annexed.

Schedule.

Brazil.—	
Carlo Pareto and Cia	... Rio de Janeiro
China.—	
Italian Bank for China	... Shanghai
Greece.—	
Banca Commerciale Italiana e Greca	.. Athens
Roumania.—	
Banca Commerciale Italiana-Romana	... Bucharest
Spain.—	
Banco di Roma (Espana)	... Madrid
Switzerland.—	
Banco di Roma	... Lugano
Banca della Svizzera Italiana	... Lugano
Banca Unione de Credito	... Lugano
Yugoslavia.—	
Banca Crota S. A.	... Zagreb

A. de C. Williams,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 155, *dated* 10*th July* 1940.

The following notifications of the Government of India, Department of Commerce, are republished for general information.

By Order,
B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

NOTIFICATIONS.

Commerce—War.

Simla, the 29*th June* 1940.

No. 65-C. W. (9)/40.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of rule 84 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following

amendments shall be made in the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce No. 65-C. W (9)/40, dated the 15th May 1940, namely :—

In the Schedule annexed to the said notification—

(1) in Part B, in item 5 (ii), for the words "camera films," the words "cinema films" shall be substituted ;

(2) in Part C—

(*a*) in item 12 (ii), after the word "lorries," the words "and parts thereof" shall be inserted ;

(*b*) after item 12, the following item shall be inserted, namely :—

"13. Coniferous timber, namely, Pinus longifolia (Chir), Pinus excelsa (Kail), Picea morinda (Spruce), Abies pindrow (Fir), and Cedrus deodara (Deodar) ; also chests, boxes, crates and other containers made therefrom, when exported empty, and parts thereof including shooks" ;

(3) in Part D, after item 3, the following items shall be inserted, namely :—

"3A Paper and Pasteboard, all sorts ;

3B. Pulp of wood for paper-making" ;

(4) in Part E—

(*a*) after item 1, the following item shall be inserted, namely :—

"1A. Coffee" ;

(*b*) in item 6—

(i) after the entry "(iv) Iron Ore", the following entry shall be inserted, namely :—

"(iv-a) Iron Pyrites" ;

(ii) after the entry "(vii) Pig Iron", the following entry shall be inserted, namely :—

"(viii) Vanadium and Vanadium Ores" ;

(*c*) after item 14, the following item shall be inserted, namely :—

"14A. Spices" ;

(*d*) after item 15, the following item shall be inserted, namely :—

"15A. Tea".

No. 65-C. W. (58)/40.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of rule 84 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government is pleased to prohibit the export to any place in Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Switzerland or Lichtenstein, or to any of the Russian ports situate on the Black Sea, or to any French territory in Europe of any goods other than goods of the description specified in the Schedule annexed to the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, No. 65-C.W. (9)/40, dated the 15th May 1940, unless they are covered by a special permit issued by the Central Government in the Department of Commerce.

No. 65-C. W. (90)/40.—In pursuance of clause (*e*) of the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, No. 65-C. W. (9) 40, dated the 15th May 1940, the Central Government is pleased to appoint as Export Trade Controllers :—

(i) Mr. L. J. McIver, M.C., I.C.S., Custom House, Calcutta, for the Provinces of Bengal and Orissa ;

(ii) Mr. M. K. Vellodi, I.C.S., New Custom House, Bombay, for the Province of Bombay ;

(iii) the Collectors of Customs, Madras and Karachi, *ex-officio*, for the Provinces of Madras and Sind, respectively ; and

(iv) all Collectors of Land Customs, in Provinces other than those mentioned above, *ex-officio*, in respect of exports across the land customs frontier over which each such Collector has jurisdiction.

No. 65/C. W. (90)/40.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of rule 84 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, No. 65-C. S. (9)/40, dated the 15th May 1940, namely :—

I. In the said notification, in clause (e), for the words "Chief Customs Officer or Collector of Land Customs", the words "Export Trade Controller appointed in this behalf by the Central Government" shall be substituted.

II. In the Schedule annexed to the said notification in the sub-headings to Parts B, D and E, for the words "Chief Customs Officer or Collector of Land Customs", the words "Export Trade Controller" shall be substituted.

A. H. Lloyd,
Secretary to the Government of India.